

## OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

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## INTEROFFICE MEMO

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TO Mr. DeWitt J. Poole  
 FROM T/3 Friediger  
 SUBJECT Ruth Fischer Comment on Council for Democratic Germany

Ruth Fischer is, of course, most interested in the Communist affiliations of the signers. She did not know a number of names, but said "she would check up on them". As far as she knows the people, she made the following classifications.

## 1) Communists.

Dr. Felix Boehnlein  
 Berthold Brecht  
 Albert A. Schreiner  
 Friedrich George Alexan  
 Hans Apel  
 Ernst Diech  
 Hermann Duncker  
 Lion Feuchtwanger  
 Minna Flake  
 Alexander Granach  
 Oscar Homolka  
 Leopold Jessner  
 Fritz Kortner  
 Peter Lorre  
 Heinrich Mann  
 Hans Marchwitz  
 Albert Norden  
 K. O. Paetel  
 Berthold Viertel

Organizing Committee

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## 2) Fellow travelers.

Paul Tillich

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Dr. Horst W. Baernsprung ("agent")

Dr. Hermann Sudzislowski ("agent")

Dr. Kurt Glaser

Josef Kaskel

Julius Lips

Jacob Walcher

Elizabeth Bergner

Henry R. Cassirer

Paul Czimmer

Kate Frankenthal

Walter Friedlander

Ernst Haase

Elizabeth Hauptmann ("agent")

Henry E. Muller

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2) Fellow travelers, contd.

Erwin Piscator  
Maximilian Scheer  
Dr. Paul Schwarz  
Walter Victor  
Frederike M. Zweig (the first wife of the late  
Stefan Zweig)

3) New Beginners.

Dr. Paul Herz  
Paul Hagen  
Marie Jacobson  
Eva Kirschmann  
Erich Schmidt

Miss Fischer is very definite concerning the fellow travelership of  
Tillich, Baerapfung, Kaskel, Lips, Kaleher, Hauptmann, Victor. Concerning  
the New Beginners, she claims that they have recently come close to the  
party line again.

Ruth Fischer told me that she has sent the statement which she  
distributed at the meeting of the American Friends of German Freedom on  
22 April at the Hotel Empire to all New York newspapers with an accompanying  
letter.

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